REMARKS

Currently, claims 1-8, 67-77, 79-86, 89-97, 101-110, 112-121, and 127-132 remain pending in the above captioned application, including independent claims 1, 67, 101, 114, and 127. As shown above, independent claims 1, 67, 101, 114, and 127 have been amended, and new claims 133- have been added. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and figures. No new matter has been added.

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Applicant's attorney would like to thank Examiner Stephens for courtesies exchanged during the personal interview of February 8, 2006. As discussed in the interview, the above amendments further distinguish the independent claims of the present application with the teachings of the cited references, specifically the cited U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0135181 of Chen, et al.

As discussed, the Final Office Action cites the teachings of Chen, et al., particularly Col. 36, ll. 64 to Col. 37, ll. 16, as anticipating the rejected claims. In this section of Chen, et al., two embodiments are disclosed. First, Chen, et al. states that an absorbent core of an absorbent article can be "replaced by a series of resilient basesheet layers, such as the wet resilient uncreped, through-air-dried ("UCTAD") basesheets... and a dual-zoned absorbent web containing hydrophobic material... placed in superposed relation" on the series of resilient basesheet layers. Col. 36, line 64 - Col. 37, line 6. Chen, et al. teaches that this embodiment can replace the absorbent core utilized in an absorbent structure, which has a liquid impervious backsheet that prevents

leakage. Nowhere does Chen, et al. disclose or even suggest, however, that this replacement for an absorbent core can be used for cleaning a surface.

Secondly, Chen, et al. discloses that a "hand towel" can be made from the uncreped, non-compressively dried basesheets. However, in this embodiment, no multi-layer compressible substrate comprising a plurality of stacked plies is disclosed. In this embodiment of Chen, et al., the hydrophilic fibers of the basesheet are utilized to absorb fluids.

In any event, Chen, et al. fails to teach in any embodiment the use of an abrasive material attached to an outer cover, as required by independent claims 1, 67, 101, 114, and 127. The present application discloses the adhesive material can provide an abrasive surface to the outer cover to improving scrubbing. Paragraph 73. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that Chen, et al. does not anticipate the pending independent claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in complete condition for allowance, and therefore request reconsideration and favorable action. Should Examiner Stephens have any further questions or concerns, she is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned at her convenience.

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